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YOU SHOULD INFORM FAHMY THAT WE WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT AMBASSADOR GHORBAL AND BUI DIEM HAD NOT MET IN WASHINGTON AS PLANNED FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR BUI DIEM TO STOP OFF IN CAIRO ON HIS WAY BACK TO SAIGON. WE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM OUR CONTACTS IN CAIRO AND SAIGON THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS AGREEABLE TO BOTH SIDES. USG CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THIS IS BEST WAY TO PROCEED, AND OUR POSITION REMAINS THAT GOE SHOULD NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION DIRECTLY WITH GVN REPRESENTATIVES. WE SUGGEST THAT FAHMY ASK GHORBAL TO GET IN TOUCH WITH BUI DIEM, WHO SCHEDULED TO LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR PARIS WEEK OF MARCH 25.

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